

A Life OF Stewardship

They gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us.
(2 Corinthians. 8:5b)

"The Making of a Stewardship Life"

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASHLAND, KENTUCKY**



The ♥ of Ashland

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Bill Pollack

Stewardship Moment

Heather Whitman

Prelude

Max Jackson

Antiphon V
(Marcel Dupre)

Call to Worship

Breck Tarr

Leader: Day after day, an abundance of God's love.

People: Morning by morning, new signs of blessing:

Leader: A gentle rain, an awesome sunset.

People: A friend's embrace, a child's smile;

Leader: A new insight, a sense of peace,

People: A shared meal, a treasured moment.

All: All around and deep within us are signs of God's presence.

How can we not sing of God's faithfulness?

† **Hymn of Praise**

#24

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place.
Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space.
We Your children in Your likeness, share inventive powers with You.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities stately buildings row on row.
Yet their windows, blank unfeeling stare on canyoned streets below.
Where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow.
Lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since
the childhood of our race.

Known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space.
Probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power.

Facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew.

Children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring You.

May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.

Great Creator give us guidance till our goals and Yours are one.

Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Loving God, You who hold us so gently, teach us the art of letting go of any-thing that keeps us from Your embrace. We grab and clutch things that are often only a passing fad. We go after success and recognition as if they will fill our deepest longings. We saddle relationships with unrealistic and unfair expectations. Loving God, lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude, a growing sense of trust in Your ability to provide. Teach us what treasures will last until heaven. Show us the blessings of giving with joy, loving without conditions, sharing from our abundance. In Jesus' name, Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#169 (1)

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

✠ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ✠

Children's Message

Pastor Bill

Blessing of the Operation Christmas Child Boxes

Anthem

Chancel Choir

With Songs Of Rejoicing

(Johann Ludwig Bach; Arr. H H Hopson)

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord; for he has done marvelous things! Break forth into joy. His praises the lyre and the trumpet employ. The floods clap their hands, and the hills sing for joy. The seas with their roaring sing praise to his name. Come make a joyful noise. Sing unto the Lord. Alleluia! Sing Alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

The Old Testament Lesson

Malachi 3:8 – 12 (NRSV)

⁸ Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, “How are we robbing You?” In your tithes and offerings! ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me—the whole nation of you! ¹⁰ Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and thus put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. ¹¹ I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the LORD of hosts. ¹² Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 8

#25

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is Your name.
Your majesty surrounds the earth, and children sing Your fame.

The heavens shout Your handiwork, we stand beneath in awe,
to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.

Yet You have made us less than gods, surpassing all but You;
with heart and mind, with strength and will,
to search for what is true.

Into our hands You've placed all things:
the earth, the sea, each place;
we're called to probe for secret gifts and venture into space.

O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is Your name,
majestic in Your holiness; we sing and praise Your fame!

† The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:25 – 34 (NRSV)

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than

clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ.

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pastor Bill

The Making of a Stewardship Life

✠ **We Respond to God’s Word** ✠

Hymn of Response

#693

Though I May Speak

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed.

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: 5 Cents a Meal

† **Doxology**

#606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

Lord, when I came into this life You called me by my name;
today I come, commit myself, responding to Your claim.

Within the circle of the faith, as member of Your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
let Your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So, help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on You.

Closing Voluntary

Max Jackson

*Fugue on Kyrie Eleison - Francois Couperin
(from the Mass for the Parish)*

† **Benediction**

† Standing if you are able.

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Ryan Whitman*

Liturgist: *Breck Tarr*

Videographer: *Ryan Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 66

Offering: \$8,080.80

Backpack: \$100.00

Online Giving: \$1,125.00

Total Offering: \$9,305.80

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Poage Class Informational Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Ministry Team Meetings, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Finance Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

Personnel Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Dames for Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Please register online, call the church office, or let Cathy Wilson know if you plan to attend. Dinner is subs, salads, and Panera Bread soup.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2023

This year's theme is *A Life of Stewardship*.

The green leaves in our logo speak to our growth in becoming greater disciples of Jesus. You should have received a letter from Pastor Bill speaking about the Stewardship



Emphasis along with a Commitment card for you to return by

Sunday, November 20. You can also go online to submit your commitment at **fpcaky.org**. We hope to have 100% participation this year as we anticipate greater things in 2023.

THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH A TWIST!



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 20**, when we will gather in the Bethesda Community Hall for a time of celebration and thanksgiving for our Stewardship Emphasis success! Our dinner will be provided. Our menu will include turkey, dressing, mashed

potatoes, green beans, rolls, and desserts. We are asked to bring non-perishable items to help provide for the Ashland Blazer High School Youth Service Center Thanksgiving Baskets. There is a collection box located in the Narthex.

Items Needed:

Instant Mashed

Potatoes

Gravy

Stuffing

Biscuit or Roll Mix

Cranberry Sauce

Canned Green

Beans

Cream of

Mushroom Soup

Crispy Onion

Straws

Canned Sweet

Potatoes

Brown Sugar

Marshmallows

Pecans

Canned Corn

Pumpkin Pie

Filling

Pie Crust

Canned Milk

Coffee, Tea, or

Hot Cocoa Mix

CAREs GIVING TREE

If interested in volunteering for the Giving Tree, you can register at boydcountycares.org, contact CAREs staff at (606) 324-2949 or contact@boydcountycares.org.



The Highlands Museum Christmas Tour of Homes Saturday, December 3, 1 – 7 p.m. Sunday, December 4, 1 – 5 p.m.



Ways to be involved and help:

→ **Items to Donate:** Artificial garland, Trees, Christmas items you do not want back.

→ **Items on Loan:** Nativities, Angels, Musical ornaments/décor, Battery operated pillar candles. (Please mark with your name)

→ **Monetary donations: Please mark the Tour of Homes**

Your donations will help pay for Ribbon, Candy, Miscellaneous work items, and Hot chocolate.

→ **Volunteer your time to help decorate or clean up**

When:

→ Borrowed items drop off begins: October 24 – November 13

→ Donated: now thru November 14

→ Monetary: now thru December 4

→ Your Time: Now thru ????

Sign-up sheets/donation area is in the Narthex, bulletin board on your left. Call or text, Kelly Hanni, 606-923-7826, for questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Week ending November 11, 2022

Baby Theo (grandson of Margaret Von Voorhis, friend of Melissa Rigsby)

Week ending November 4, 2022

Phil Chavez (online request)

Jess G. (online request)

Ransom Gehringer

Vernie Tackett (Geri Willis' sister)

Week ending October 28, 2022

Pastor Bill

Judy Fannin

Donna Isaacs (Kelly Hanni's mother)

Helen Ross (Nanette)

Kim Whitman

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Derek Payne, Nancy Payne, Janet Winans,
Ann & Jim Wiseman

Morning Pointe: Carolyn Graber

Military:

Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, Dayton, OH, son of Kris Adkins)

Cadet Katie Brown

(West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman)

Major Scott A. Brown (husband of Mary Whitman Brown)

Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lily)

SERMON NOTES

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Matthew 6:25 – 34

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster, Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Custodian: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2022	2023	2024
<i>Judy Fannin</i>	<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>
<i>Mitch Hall</i>	<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>
<i>Ryan Whitman</i>	<i>Breck Tarr</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>
		*2nd term of service

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Building & Grounds:

Judy Fannin

Christian Education:

Kim Whitman & Lee McCloud

Congregational Life:

Cathy Wilson

Finance: *Trish Hall*

Membership: *Breck Tarr*

Mission: *Geri Willis*

Personnel: *Janet Holbrook*

Worship: *Ryan Whitman*

**If you would like to join any of these ministry teams,
please contact the Chairperson or call the Church office.**

To visit the church website, scan the code below.



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